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**Title:** METHOD FOR PRODUCING PLANTS  
HAVING AN INCREASED TOLERANCE  
AGAINST DROUGHT AND/OR FUNGAL  
ATTACK AND/OR INCREASED SALT  
CONCENTRATIONS AND/OR EXTREME  
TEMPERATURE BY THE EXPRESSION OF  
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Sir:

Please amend the subject application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

*On page 8, lines 14-16, please replace the paragraph with:*

---As already mentioned above the hydrophilic extension comprises the amino acid sequence MAELGSGSELHRGGRSRTS (SEQ ID NO. 1) in a particularly preferred embodiment of the use according to the invention.---